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To: Chair, Philip Isenberg and Members of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

As a volunteer guide/docent for some 17 years at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Point Lobos State Reserve, I have learned a lot about and developed a deep appreciation for our oceans and the marine life they support. And, more importantly, how vital they are to the support of all life on earth. I fully and strongly support the adoption of a science-based network of marine protected areas. Please adopt Package 2 (or Package AC) as a balanced approach that is fair to all concerned. I would like to see even stronger protection, but understand the need for compromise.

Thank you for your efforts and service regarding this vital issue.

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